

Sonnet expert lectures on meaning of form

By Brad Gunton
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Helen Vendler, the A. Kinsley Porter University Professor at Harvard University, recently visited the university to give a lecture on Shakespearean sonnets.

The topic of Vendler's lecture, which was Oct. 1 in Brendle Recital Hall in the Scales Fine Arts Center, was the same as her latest book, "The Art of Shakespeare's Sonnets."

She said her reason for writing her latest book was that too many commentaries on Shakespeare focus on his biography instead of his work. The lecture focused on Sonnets 30, 55, 60, 66 and 73.

She said that the themes of sonnets, be-

cause sonnets are 14 lines, are usually very simple, such as "time destroys beautiful things," "absence is torment to lovers" or "the world is full of torment." Therefore, instead of focusing on the theme, she focuses on the ideas inferred by the form of the sonnet, which she described as the strategy of the poem.

"Each formal feature of a Shakespearean sonnet contains significance," Vendler said. "You see what he's doing but you ask, 'Why is he doing that?' You often observe the formal feature without knowing what to do with it."

Vendler read and analyzed each of the five sonnets, each time commenting on how the form influenced the overall understanding of the poem. After the lecture,

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Vendler answered a few questions from the audience and then attended a small reception in the lobby.

Vendler chose to speak at the university because she said it was important for students to learn about literature. "Shakespeare is important in the same way as Mozart and

other artists. Either they are all important or none are. (Shakespeare's sonnets) are one of the ultimate reaches of the human mind in terms of complexity and beauty combined," she said.

She said been interested in Shakespeare since she was 15, when she memorized several of his sonnets.

"That 14 lines can hold thought and emotion embodied together is something beautiful," Vendler said. "Having thought, emotion and beauty all at once is very striking as an object."

Graduate student Megan Graham said Vendler was able to discuss Shakespeare in depth while still being understandable. "I thought it was informative and interesting," Graham said. "I liked it because it was

academic but not esoteric."

Dillon Johnston, a professor of English said he considers her to be among the best-known spokespeople for poetry in America. "She's very accessible," Johnston said. "Shakespeare is distanced from us by his language and 400 years, so she makes him much more immediate; she closes the poetic circuit. The poem is dead on the page unless somebody hears it or reads it."

In addition to being the author of several books on poetry, she has held the Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships and is on the Pulitzer Prize Committee.

Vendler's lecture was sponsored by the department of English.

Brendle was a little more than half full for her lecture.

ROTC dedicates its new location

By Monica Stankowitz
Contributing Reporter

The AROTC department welcomed special guests Major General of the Army Stuart Wallace and Dr. Robert Helm, class of '39, Oct. 2 for the dedication of its new department headquarters.

The military science department is now located in the Information Systems building behind Worrell Professional Center. Approximately 50 guests attended the ceremony. Among those guests were family members of the cadets in the unit and press from the Winston-Salem community.

The ceremony opened with an introduction by Lt. Col. Donald Moser, a professor of military science, who thanked the university for its "generosity and consideration in making this our new home." He also praised the architect, who he said has made this facility "one of the best in the country ... and allowed it to represent all of the components of AROTC — respect, integrity, courage, duty, selfless service and honor."

Wallace said, "Wake Forest's AROTC department is the best in the country without comparison."

He then cut the yellow ribbon draped across the main door. "It's been a long time coming, and I can't wait."

Inside the new AROTC headquarters the Brigadier General Evelyn Foote classroom complex was dedicated. Moser explained the technological improvements in this state-of-the-art classroom. The new classroom is furnished with a power floor which has Ethernet jacks and power outlets integrated into the carpet. It also has two large projection screens and two big screen televisions equipped with cable.

Moser's main point was that his purpose in the military science department is to "maximize the capabilities of the new classroom for the students of the university."

Both Moser and Helm performed the dedication of the Dr. Robert M. Helm Jr. Library. In fact Moser explained that Helm signed the document outlining the requirements for ROTC at the university in 1951.

Although honored by the dedication of the library in his name, he comically added, "With the move to the Information Systems building our cadets will no longer be taught in rhythm with the bounce of basketballs nearby."



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Lt. Col. Donald Mosier speaks at the dedication of the new AROTC department headquarters on Oct. 2. Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony, including special guests Major General of the Army Stuart Wallace and Robert Helm, class of '39.

Alumni dinner salutes Broyles' commitment to education

By Jenny Blackford
Editor in Chief

"An evening of political incorrectness" was one of the many events held during Homecoming weekend. This event, however, was not just about the university. It brought more than 50 people together in praise of one professor: David Broyles, a professor of politics.

"It represented a Homecoming in a different sense," Jules Smythe, '76, said.

Smythe and several other of Broyles' former students gave salutes during the dinner.

Even Ralph Wood, a former professor of religion, sent a letter to be read during the tribute. "I encountered young minds and young lives whom Broyles had formed by teaching them the great world-shaping ideas of republican democracy and political freedom and hierarchical deference. Because Broyles had given these students such decisive intellectual shape, they in

turn would not permit me any intellectual shabbiness and bagginess of my own. I became a much more intellectually rigorous thinker and teacher as a result of the Broyles students who challenged me. I am ever so grateful for them," Wood said in his letter.

Besides former students, a number of distinguished community members attended, including state senator Ham Horton and Harry Jaffa, a Claremont-McKenna professor of politics who gave the keynote address. Jaffa's address centered on the American conservatism movement that he and Broyles have championed in their writings and teachings over the years.

Jaffa and Drew Squires, '94, awarded Broyles with a flag that had flown over the Capitol recently. The flag was accompanied by a letter from Senator Jesse Helms office. Smythe presented him with a print of one of Theodore Roosevelt's speech.

"In my experience he was the most Socratic teacher I ever met...He imbued all of his students with teaching

about how to think beyond the surface issues of the day back to the principles that govern human nature and human society," Smythe said.

Broyles came to the university in 1966 and has taught political philosophy for most of his tenure. Besides teaching he has published numerous articles and books and was also the adviser for the Critic, a former university conservative magazine.

The Critic a former university publication, often brought Broyles into the thick of controversy. In one instance, then editor John Meroney faced a number of Honor Council charges and Broyles was present in the Meroney's dorm room as his defense was planned, Meroney said. Broyles also wrote editorials for the Winston-Salem Journal in defense of Meroney and in criticism of the university's administration.

The dinner and tribute was held at the Old Town Club Oct. 2 by the members of the Wake Forest Critic Society.



Courtesy of John Meroney

David Broyles, a professor of politics, former trustee Douglas Brendle and North Carolina Senator Hamilton Horton Jr. attend the dinner.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

Irish Festival looking for participants

The Irish Festival is looking for students who are interested in participating in this year's festival.

The weeklong cultural celebration includes a film festival, poetry readings, traditional Irish music and a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Shorty's.

The University Press is renowned for publishing Irish Poetry.

For more information on the festival, call coordinator Susan Murphy at 722-8018.

Career planning group to meet next week

The Life/Career Planning Group will meet Oct. 13, 15, 20 and 22. The group allows students to ex-

plore their interests, skills, values and personality type as they relate to career decision making.

Sign up at University Counseling Center, Reynolda Hall, Room 118.

For more information, call Ext. 5274.

Ethnic Heritage Faire set for campus

An Ethnic Heritage Faire will celebrate the music, food and dances of world cultures from 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 17.

The free and public event will be in Union 401.

Faire highlights include performances by the Otesha, an African dance ensemble, and Magic Carpet, a Middle Eastern dance troupe. Members of the Greek Orthodox Church in Winston-Salem will play traditional music and demonstrate dances during the event.

Other activities include Indian dance demonstrations and food samples from Italy, Japan, Nigeria and the Caribbean.

The Ethnic Heritage Faire will also feature information booths by student and community groups.

The Faire is part of the Year of Globalization and Diversity, a year-long series of event focusing on the world's development into a global community.

For more information, call Ext. 5788 or refer to http://www.wfu.edu/yogd.

LEAD accepting applications for spring

Leadership, Excellence, Application and Development is now taking applications from interested freshman and sophomores.

The experiential learning program of leadership skills and personal

development is offered from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on eight consecutive Wednesday and Thursday afternoons beginning in January.

Applications are available in the Student Development Office, Benson 317, and the deadline is Oct. 30.

City of Joy program asking for donations

The City of Joy Scholars Program, which annually sends students to India to work in homes and hospices established by Mother Teresa, needs donations to help cover the \$2,500 per student needed to cover the expenses of the trip.

Donations are tax deductible and handled by the university staff member in charge of the program.

Anyone interested may send contributions to: Paige Wilbanks, Volunteer Services, P.O. Box 7351,

Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Scholarship available in math, science

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation offers merit-based scholarships to current sophomores and juniors interested in research careers in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics.

The scholarships of up to \$7,500 per year can cover tuition, fees, books and room and board.

Students will be nominated by the Goldwater Wake Forest Scholarship Committee, which consists of one faculty member from each of the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics and computer science and physics.

Pre-applications are due by Oct. 26. Successful candidates will be notified by April 1999.

For information and pre-applications, see Cindy Davis, an administrative secretary of biology, in Winston 226.

Correction

The Oct. 1 article "Athletic department will no longer pay for notes" it should have reported that 57 students have learning disabilities.

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